

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4-19, 31, 32, 35, 36, 39, and 40 were previously canceled.

Claim 24 has been amended.

The amendment of Claim 24 is supported by the corresponding claim as previously presented.

No new matter has been introduced by the present amendment.

REMARKS

Claims 3, 20-30, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, and 42 are pending in the present application.

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 3, 20-23, and 25 are allowable (see paragraph 6 on page 8 of the Office Action dated August 6, 2007). Applicants request withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the amendments above.

The rejection of Claims 24, 26-30, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, and 42 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph (enablement), is obviated by amendment.

The Examiner's sole basis of criticism in this application remains centered upon the scope defined at position Ar. Although the Examiner acknowledges that compounds of formula (1) in which Ar is an *unsubstituted* naphthyl group are enabled, the Examiner continues to allege that, despite the disclosure of Ar at page 10, line 15 to 24 of the specification and the Declaration of Shiojiri and Takino, compounds of formula (1) in which Ar is a *substituted* naphthyl group are not enabled. For the reasons of record, Applicants disagree and continue to submit that the skilled artisan would readily appreciate how to prepare substituted naphthyl compounds of formula (1). Nonetheless, to expedite allowance of the scope of the claims defined in Claim 24 wherein compounds of formula (1) have an *unsubstituted* naphthyl group at Ar, which the Examiner appears to recognize as being allowable, Applicants have canceled the phrase "or a substituted naphthyl group having one or more substituents" from the definition of Ar in Claim 24.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the full scope of the presently claimed invention is sufficiently enabled as required by 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. As such, Applicants request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

The objection to Claims 3, 20-23, and 25 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim is believed to be obviated by the amendments herein. Withdrawal of this ground of objection is requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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